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Surface Channel MOSFETs

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Submitted herewith are:

1. Transmittal Form(1 page);
2. Fee Transmittal Form (1 page);
3. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
4. Form PTO-1449 (9 pages);
5. Cited References A21-A116, B22-B39, and C55-C84;
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the patents and publications are enclosed.

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

- ☐ (1) within three (3) months of the **filing date** of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d), or within three (3) months of the **date of entry of the national stage** as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing of the **first Office action** on the merits, or before the mailing of a **first Office action** after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114; or
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It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.


In addition, Applicants wish to inform the Examiner about the following co-pending patent applications:

- 1) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/599,260, filed 06/22/2000, by Wu et al.;
- 2) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/764,177, filed 01/7/2001, by Fitzgerald;
- 3) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/764,182, filed 01/17/2001, by Fitzgerald;
- 4) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/906,545, filed 07/16/2001, by Fitzgerald; and
- 5) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/264,935, filed 10/04/2002, by Fitzgerald.

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